

APPG ON HOUSING AND CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

INAUGURAL MEETING

Wednesday 9 October 2024

16:00-17:00

Committee Room 1, House of Lords, London, SW1A 0AA

Members present:

- Amos, Gideon (MP, Liberal Democrat, Taunton and Wellington)
- Best, Richard (Lord, Crossbench)
- Birt, John (Lord, Crossbench)
- Coyle, Neil (MP, Labour, Bermondsey and Old Southwark)
- Dixon, Anna (MP, Labour, Shipley)
- Jamieson, James (Lord, Conservative)
- Lytton, John (Earl, Crossbench)
- Riddell-Carpenter, Jenny (MP, Labour, Suffolk Coastal)
- Scott of Bybrook, Jane (Baroness, Conservative)
- Stoneham of Droxford, Ben (Lord, Liberal Democrat)
- Thornhill, Dorothy (Baroness, Liberal Democrat)
- Young of Cookham, George (Lord, Conservative)

Invited guests:

- Benzimra, Alison (United St Saviour's Charity)
- Mayhew, Les (City, University of London)
- Meyer, Julianne (Older People's Housing Taskforce; City, University of London)
- Owen, Hugh (The Riverside Group)
- Porteus, Jeremy (The Housing Learning and Improvement Network) (attended virtually)
- Sinclair, David (International Longevity Centre)
- Voges, Michael (Associated Retirement Community Operators)

1. Introduction:

It was confirmed that the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Care for Older People – with its objectives of promoting discussion and setting the agenda for developing better, more joined up housing and care for older people, promising greater choices in later life – has 30 prospective Members for the 2024/2025 year.

The following parliamentarians have agreed to be Members:

- Amos, Gideon (MP, Liberal Democrat, Taunton and Wellington)
- Andrews, Kay (Baroness, Labour)
- Best, Richard (Lord, Crossbench)
- Birt, John (Lord, Crossbench)

- Blackman, Bob (MP, Conservative, Harrow East)
- Cadbury, Ruth (MP, Labour, Brentford and Isleworth)
- Courtenay, Charles (Lord, Earl of Devon)
- Coyle, Neil (MP, Labour, Bermondsey and Old Southwark)
- Crisp, Nigel (Lord, Crossbench)
- Dineage, Caroline (MP, Conservative, Gosport)
- Dixon, Anna (MP, Labour, Shipley)
- Filkin, Geoffrey (Lord, Labour)
- Finlay of Llandaff, Ilora (Baroness, Crossbench)
- Francis-Dehqani, Guli (The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford)
- Grey-Thompson, Tanni (Baroness, Crossbench)
- Hayter of Kentish Town, Dianne (Baroness, Labour)
- Howarth of Breckland, Valerie (Baroness, Crossbench)
- Jamieson, James (Lord, Conservative)
- Lytton, John (Earl, Crossbench)
- Maskell, Rachael (MP, Labour, York Central)
- Pitkeathley, Jill (Baroness, Labour)
- Porter of Spalding, Gary (Lord, Conservative)
- Riddell-Carpenter, Jenny (MP, Labour, Suffolk Coastal)
- Scott of Bybrook, Jane (Baroness, Conservative)
- Shipley, John (Lord, Liberal Democrat)
- Stoneham of Droxford, Ben (Lord, Liberal Democrat)
- Thornhill, Dorothy (Baroness, Liberal Democrat)
- Watkins of Tavistock, Mary (Baroness, Crossbench)
- Willetts, David (Lord, Conservative)
- Young of Cookham, George (Lord, Conservative)

With 12 Members present, the Inaugural Meeting was quorate.

2. Election of Officers:

Lord Young of Cookham proposed Anna Dixon MP and Lord Best as Co-Chairs. Seconded by Baroness Scott of Bybrook.

Agreed nem con.

Lord Best proposed Neil Coyle MP and Lord Young of Cookham as Vice-Chairs. Seconded by Baroness Thornhill.

Agreed nem con.

3. Financial Statement and Report on Activities:

Lord Best, as previous Co-Chair, presented the Group's Financial Statement and a Report on Activities for 2023/2024.

He thanked Housing 21, who sponsored the Secretariat with a grant of £4,500. He noted the discussions at recent APPG meetings, including discussions of the report initiated by the APPG and prepared by The Housing LIN, *The Regeneration of Outdated Sheltered Housing*, launched in July 2024.

4. Secretariat and Public Enquiry Point:

It was confirmed that Ryan Coppack, Lord Best's Parliamentary Assistant, will act as the Group's Secretariat and Public Enquiry Point until 31 July 2025.

5. Discussion of a future Inquiry:

Anna Dixon MP took the Chair for discussion of possible issues that could be the subject of an Inquiry to be initiated by the APPG. Contributions were made by the invited guests.

Members contributed ideas and commentary.

It was agreed that the APPG Officers should determine the most suitable option and take forward the necessary steps to launch an Inquiry accordingly.